

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Fire Station – South Darwin

Ms Purick to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services.

In regard to the proposed new Fire Station to service the growing residential needs south of Darwin and the increasing industrial base at the Business Park and the East Arm Port activities:

- 1. What “planning work’ has been undertaken in regard to the proposed new fire station as advised in a media statement of 28 April 2009?**

Answer:

Planning work undertaken includes response time modeling, identification of available crown land and the sites locations in relation to that modeling, services and facilities availability, planned future use of land in the vicinity, roads (current and future use), traffic considerations, risk management and response considerations have been taken into account.

- 2. Is there an interdepartmental committee undertaking the work and if so, what agencies are involved?**

Answer:

Agencies that have been involved in the project to date include:

- Lands and Planning;
- Land Development Corporation;
- Construction Division;
- Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services Facilities Management;
- Planning and Infrastructure; and
- Road Network Division.

- 3. What is the total cost of the new station?**

Answer:

The Northern Territory Government approved \$12.3 million for a new fire station. Final costings will be subject to a finalized project.

4. How much land does a new fire station require for the station and support services and any other associated buildings?

Answer:

Approximately 2.2 hectares.

5. For the proposed new fire station, have any consultancies been put out to tender for any research work and if so for what work and what cost for each consultancy?

Answer:

A consultant has been hired for the Social Impact Study.

The financial cost for this consultancy is approximately \$5000.

6. How many sites have been considered for a new station and what is their location?

Answer:

Five sites have been considered within the Berrimah area. See Attachment 1.

7. What planning work has been undertaken in regard to traffic management plans and for which of the identified sites?

Answer:

Each site has been considered in terms of traffic management.

8. Of the sites identified as being prospective sites, does any site require a re-zoning application before the Development Consent Authority?

Answer:

All of the sites considered would have to go through the Development Consent Authority as a matter of process.

9. If a site on Tivendale Road has been identified, what work has been undertaken in regard to traffic management?

Answer:

A number of meetings were held with the Road Network Division and Lands and Planning to consider traffic management including road entry, distance and setback from major arterial roads for emergency response vehicles.

10. If a site on Tivendale Road is a preferred site, what will be the cost to install traffic control signals at the intersection of the Stuart Highway and Tivendale Road to allow the emergency vehicles to access the highway safely and expeditiously?

Answer:

Advice from the Road Network Division is approximately \$2 million.

11. Does the access from any of the proposed sites mean the emergency vehicles have to cross the railway line and if so how many times and at which locations?

Answer:

All sites considered would require crossing the railway line depending on the location of the incident. Attachment 1 clearly identifies considered sites and the rail corridor. There are new roadworks being considered for the area including the current Tiger Brennan extension and other planned potential roadworks which will change the current rail crossing.

ATTACHMENT 1

